

# WMC Public Meetings



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WMC Meeting Type	Date & Time	Location	More Information
Personal Appearances	January 11, 2024 10:00 - 12:00 pm	Virtual	<a href="#">More Information</a>
Rules Workshop Military Spouse Temporary Practice Permits (2SHB 1009)	January 16, 2024 3:00 - 5:00 pm	Virtual Meeting and In-Person 111 Israel Rd SE DOH Town Center 2 Rm 166 Tumwater, WA 98501	<a href="#">More Information and Registration</a>
CME Webinar Optimizing Care for People Experiencing Homelessness	January 18, 2024 12:00 - 1:00 pm	Virtual	<a href="#">More Information and Registration</a>
Business Meetings	January 19, 2024 9:00 - 11:00 am	Virtual	<a href="#">More Information and Registration</a>
Coffee with the Commission Communication and Resolution Program Certification	February 7, 2024 11:00 - 12:00pm	Virtual	<a href="#">More Information and Registration</a>
Personal Appearances	March 7, 2024 10:00 - 12:00 pm	In-Person, Location TBD WA	<a href="#">More Information</a>
Policy: Interested Parties	March 21, 2024 10:00 - 11:00am	Virtual	<a href="#">More Information and Registration</a>
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## Rules Adopted: Health Equity Continuing Education for Physician Assistants and Allopathic Physicians

The WMC has adopted WAC 246-918-195 (new) (physician assistants) and WAC 246-919-445 (new) (allopathic physicians) to implement Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill (ESSB) 5229 (chapter 276, Laws of 2021). This adoption implements the health equity model rules, WAC 246-12-800 through 246-12-830, for physician assistants and allopathic physicians to comply with RCW 43.70.613. The CR-103P was filed on November 29, 2023, as WSR #23-24-033. These rules will be in effect on January 1, 2024. The CR-103P includes the adopted language for WAC 246-918-195 and WAC 246-919-445.

RCW 43.70.613(3)(b) directs the rulemaking authority for each health profession licensed under Title 18 RCW that is subject to continuing education (CE) to adopt rules requiring a licensee to complete health equity CE training at least once every four years. The statute also directed the Department of Health (department) to create model rules establishing the minimum standards for health equity CE programs. The department filed model rules for health equity CE minimum standards on November 23, 2022, under WSR 22-23-167. Any rules developed by the commission must meet or exceed the minimum standards in the model rules in WAC 246-12-800 through 246-12-830.

The adopted rule adds two hours of health equity education, as required in the model rules, to be completed as part of the current continuing competency requirements every four years. The adopted rule does not change the total CE hours but requires two hours in health equity CE every four years which is absorbed into the existing number of CE hours required. The health equity CE requirement is counted under existing, unspecified CE requirements for the profession.